WE CLAIM:

1.   A method for displaying information comprising:

generating a plurality of content modules, each content module comprising a subset of the content of a web site;

storing the content modules in a content module data directory;

maintaining a database of subject category identifiers, each subject category identifier corresponding to at least one content module in the content module data directory;

receiving a query from a user;

retrieving a plurality of URL's of web sites containing content pertaining to the query;

matching the query to at least one subject category identifier;

obtaining the at least one content module from the content module directory associated with the subject category identifier; and

displaying information relating to the plurality of retrieved web sites and information from said at least one content module on a display screen to the user.

2.   A method according to claim 1 wherein said information is displayed on the first and second regions of the display screen in response to a single input from the user.

3.   A method according to claim 1 wherein the content module directory comprises a data structure having nodes, and wherein each node is associated with one or more key numbers.

4.   A method according to claim 1 wherein some of said content modules include functional devices.

5.   A method for displaying information from the Internet comprising:

generating a plurality of content modules, each content module comprising a subset of the content of at least one web site;

storing the content modules in a content module data directory; receiving a query from a user;

assigning the query to at least one content module;

displaying on a first region of the user's display screen, a list of information relating to the plurality of retrieved web sites; and

displaying on a second region of said display screen, information from said at least one content module associated with the query.

6.   A method according to claim 5 wherein said information is displayed on the first and second regions of the user's display screen in response to a single input from the user.

7.   A method according to claim 5 wherein the content module directory comprises a data structure having nodes, and wherein each node is associated with one or more key numbers.

8.   A method according to claim 5 wherein some of said content modules include functional devices.